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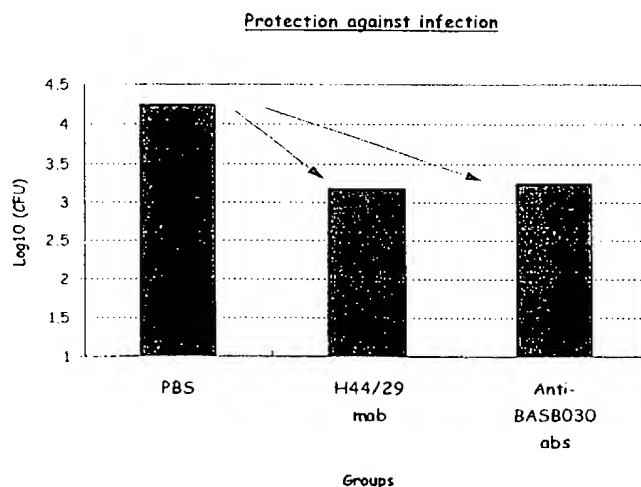


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Protective effect of the anti-BASB030 antibodies in the passive protection model



(57) Abstract

The invention provides *Neisseria meningitidis* BASB030 polypeptides and polynucleotides encoding BASB030 polypeptides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques. Also provided are antibodies, diagnostic, prophylactic and therapeutic uses thereof.